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Sir:

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of January 29, 2002.

Applicant hereby responds to the restriction requirement by traversing the requirement and electing the claims of group I; namely claims 1, 15 and 20 drawn to a semiconductor device.

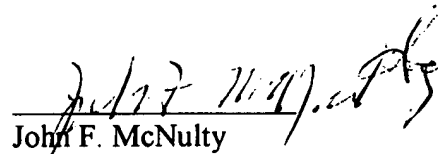
Applicant hereby responds to the requirement for election of species, by traversing the requirement and electing the species of embodiment 8 (figs.29-31), with claims 20-22 and 27 readable thereon.

Both the restriction requirement and the requirement for election of species are traversed on the grounds that, in the interest of efficiency, both on the on the part of the Office and on the part of the applicant, all of the claims in this application should be examined together, in that there is undoubtedly some overlap in the areas of search directed to the different species and the semiconductor devices and the process of producing them.

Accordingly, reconsideration and action on all the claims is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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